

## פְּרִיַת כְּבוֹד

### *~An Agreement of Respect~*

"The Torah is a tree of life to those who hold on to it." (Proverbs 3:18)

"The tongue can bring death or life." (Proverbs 18:21)

The **Kesher Keff** blog is a place to bring the Torah to life through our words. But while our words have the power to create happiness and community through Torah, our words also have the power to hurt others.

We are all created בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים (b'tzelem Elokim), in the image of God. It is a Jewish value to treat others as if they themselves are Godly. This means we show כְּבוֹד (kavod), or respect, for every human being.

Our words are the tool we use to show כְּבוֹד (kavod), or respect, for others. Whether we are speaking in person to someone, or we are typing our words on the internet, we must be careful about the words we choose. After we share our words on the internet, we cannot take them back.

We can share certain things, like exciting news or an interesting thing we learned. But other things, like passwords and sensitive information, must be kept private. This shows כְּבוֹד (kavod), or respect, not only for others but for ourselves as well.

We will remember that our words have the power to hurt and the power to help.

We will remember that we are all created בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים (b'tzelem Elokim), in the image of God.

We will remember: "You shall love you neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18)

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